

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5185

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 21, 1997

Application of MEDIQUICK SERVICES,)
 INC., for a Certificate of)
 Authority -- Irregular Route)
 Operations)

Case No. AP-97-46

By application filed August 18, 1997, Mediquick Services, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita rates for transportation to and from National and Dulles Airports, as well as other specified places in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes using a trade name of "Medquick Courier Services and Medical Transportation." Inasmuch as the Commission does not regulate courier services and does not permit WMATC carriers to hold themselves out as offering life support services, and given the prominence of airport shuttle fares in the proposed tariff and omission of nonambulatory fares from the proposed tariff, applicant will be directed to file a written statement explaining why the public is not likely to find applicant's proposed trade name confusing and/or misleading.¹

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than September 2, 1997, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

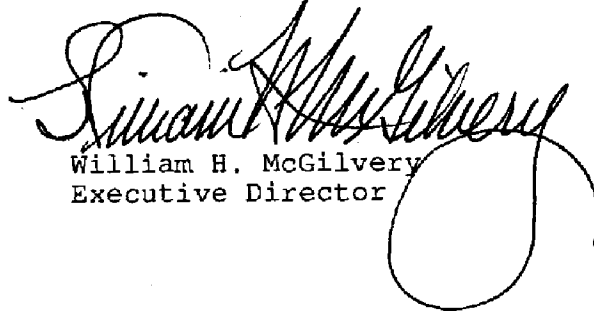
¹ See In re Safe Ride Servs., Inc., No. AP-97-03, Order No. 5059 (Apr. 21, 1997), aff'd on reconsideration, Order No. 5098 (June 11, 1997) (applicant directed to remove from tariff any and all references to CPR training and certification); In re V.I.P. Tours, No. MP-94-02, Order No. 4266 (Mar. 28, 1994) (suffix added to name of carrier on certificate of authority to eliminate potential for confusion); In re Seth, Inc., t/a Kids Kab, No. AP-93-40, Order No. 4243 at 5 (Feb. 9, 1994) (applicant directed to inform public of non-taxicab status); In re Ernest H. Bannister, Sr., No. AP-79-06, Order No. 1996 (May 11, 1979) (sole proprietor directed to eliminate "Ltd." from trade name).

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 23, 1997, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 2, 1997, an original and four copies of a written statement explaining why the public is not likely to find applicant's proposed trade name confusing and/or misleading.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is September 23, 1997, and that copies must be served on applicant's attorney, Aragaw Mehari, Esquire, 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 1131, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director